From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 8:36 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 297 Brooklyn 2 smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2013 8:32 AM

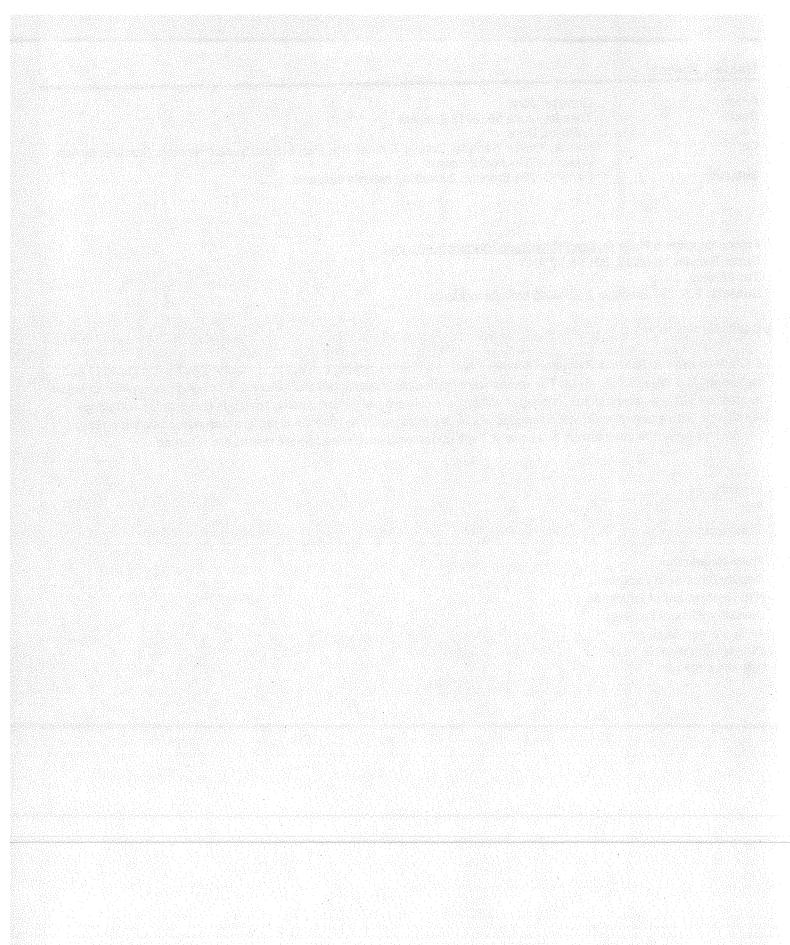
To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 297 Brooklyn 2 smoking ballasts incidents

#### Good morning John:

P.S. 297 located at 700 Park Avenue in Brooklyn had two visibly smoking ballasts in classrooms 327 last night 6/17 and classroom 320 this morning 6/18. The rooms were immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixtures today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 9:18 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 8:51 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

John.

As a follow up to my previous email, the fixture was inspected and found to contain an intact NON PCB ballast. There was no evidence of historical staining. Any lingering odor has dissipated and the room will be re – occupied. We did not conduct wipe test. Parental notification will be sent out.

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 11:43 AM

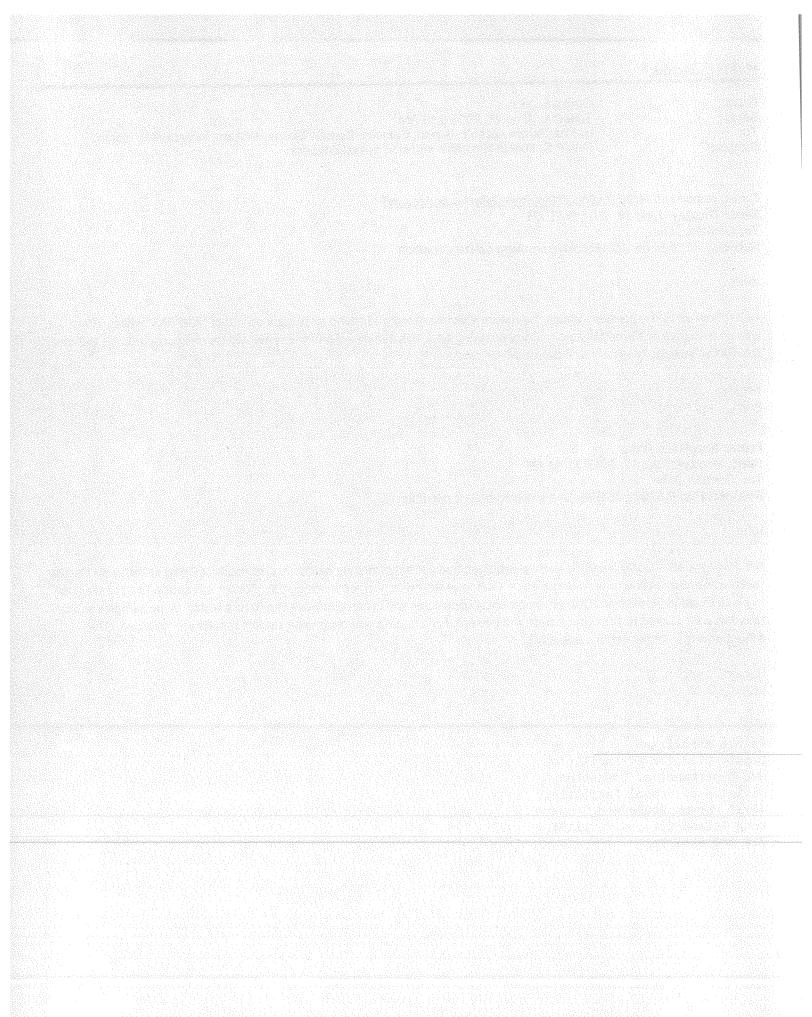
To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: FW: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

John:

P.S. 864 located at 3109 Newkirk Avenue Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 102 earlier today 6/17. The room was empty at the time of occurrence. Custodial staff was notified immediately. Power was shut and a fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. Wipe samples will be taken as well. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school also uses organization code K361.

Regards Phil



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:49 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Molnar, William;

Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

Third reported ballast failure at P.S. 864/361 in Brooklyn (and second in last two days).

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:42 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

John:

P.S. 864 located at 3109 Newkirk Avenue Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 102 earlier today 6/18. This is in addition to the smoking NONPCB ballast from yesterday. The room was empty at the time of occurrence. Custodial staff was notified immediately. Power was shut and a fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. Wipe samples will be taken as well. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school also uses organization code K361.

Regards Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 1:56 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 1:31 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 001 located at 8 Henry Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom #316 earlier today 6/19. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

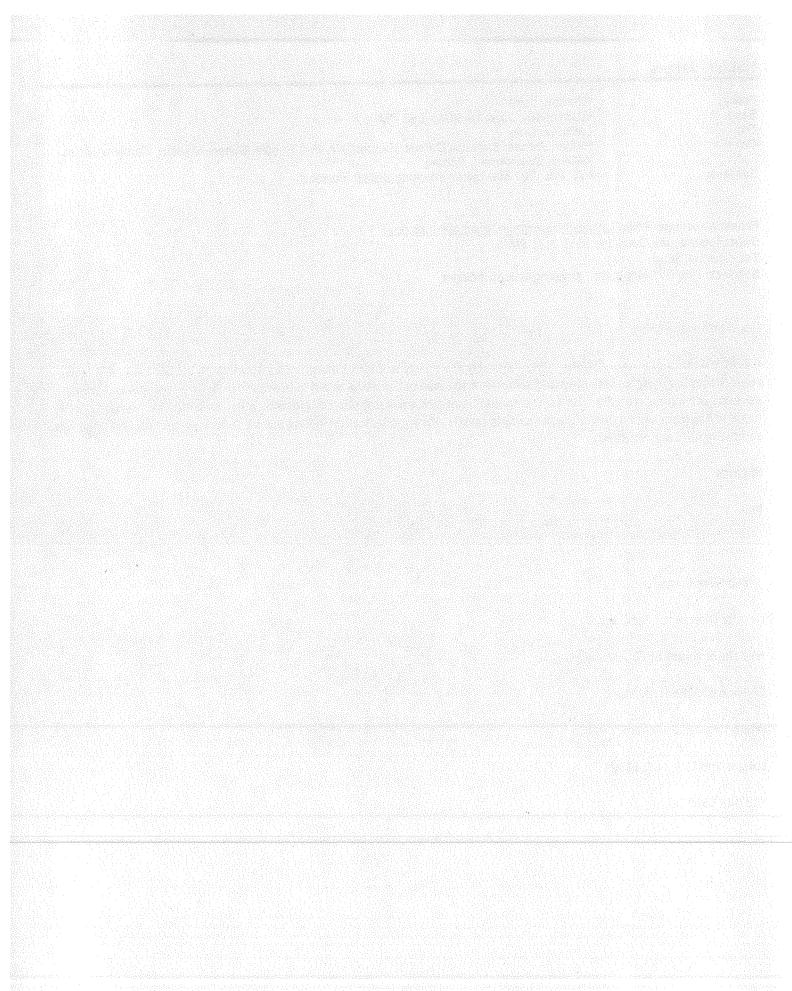
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**NYC Department of Education** 

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44-36 Vernon Boulevard

Long Island City, N.Y. 11101



From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 2:21 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 2:20 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Correction\*\*room 405\*\*

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 1:31 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 001 located at 8 Henry Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom #316 earlier today 6/19. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

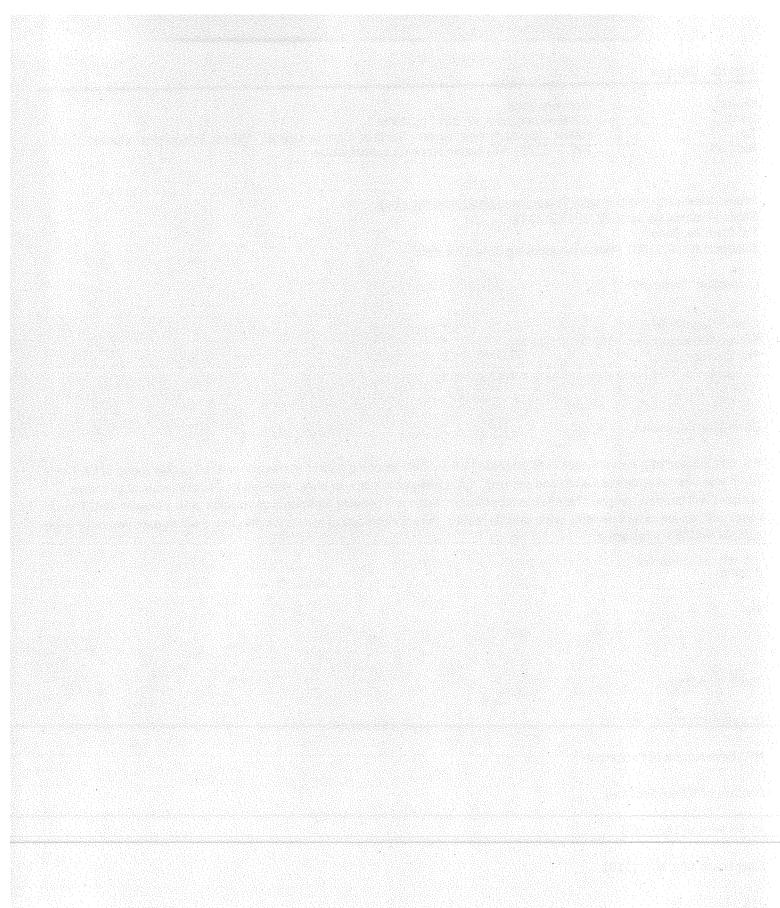
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, June 20, 2013 7:55 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 7:54 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 row was inspected and removed from room 102. The row consisted of 3 fixtures and 3 ballasts, 1 leaking PCB ballast (smoking) and 2 NONPCB ballasts with historic staining. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for 18 hours in the classroom that is 8500 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1080 minutes / 8500 cuft = 88 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:42 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 864/361Brooklyn smoking ballast condition

John:

P.S. 864 located at 3109 Newkirk Avenue Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 102 earlier today 6/18. This is in addition to the smoking NONPCB ballast from yesterday. The room was empty at the time of occurrence. Custodial staff was notified immediately. Power was shut and a fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. Wipe samples will be taken as well. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school also uses organization code K361.

Regards Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, June 20, 2013 7:57 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

FW: P.S. 297 Brooklyn 2 smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 7:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 297 Brooklyn 2 smoking ballasts incidents

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 row was inspected and removed from both rooms 327 and 320. Each row consisted of 3 fixtures and 3 ballasts. Both smoking ballasts were leaking PCB. The other 4 fixtures contained NONPCB ballasts but had evidence of historic staining. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. Both rooms will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for 19 hours in the classrooms that are both 5800 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1140 minutes / 5800 cuft = 137 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

General Electric (X2)

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 8:32 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 297 Brooklyn 2 smoking ballasts incidents

Good morning John:

P.S. 297 located at 700 Park Avenue in Brooklyn had two visibly smoking ballasts in classrooms 327 last night 6/17 and classroom 320 this morning 6/18. The rooms were immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixtures today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

# Phil

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Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, June 20, 2013 11:31 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Molnar, William; Santella, Dennis; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 11:26 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John,

As a follow up to my previous email, the fixture was inspected and found to contain an intact NON PCB ballast. There was no evidence of historical staining. Any lingering odor has dissipated and the room will be re – occupied. We did not conduct wipe test. Parental notification will be sent out.

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 2:20 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: RE: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Correction\*\*room 405\*\*

From: Napolitano Philip

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2013 1:31 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 001 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 001 located at 8 Henry Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom #316 earlier today 6/19. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

**Deputy Director of Facilities** 

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, June 21, 2013 3:21 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Schulz, Susan; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 76 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 1:25:38 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 76 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### John,

P.S. 76 located at 220 West 121st Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in room 306A this morning 6/21. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

Philip Napolitano

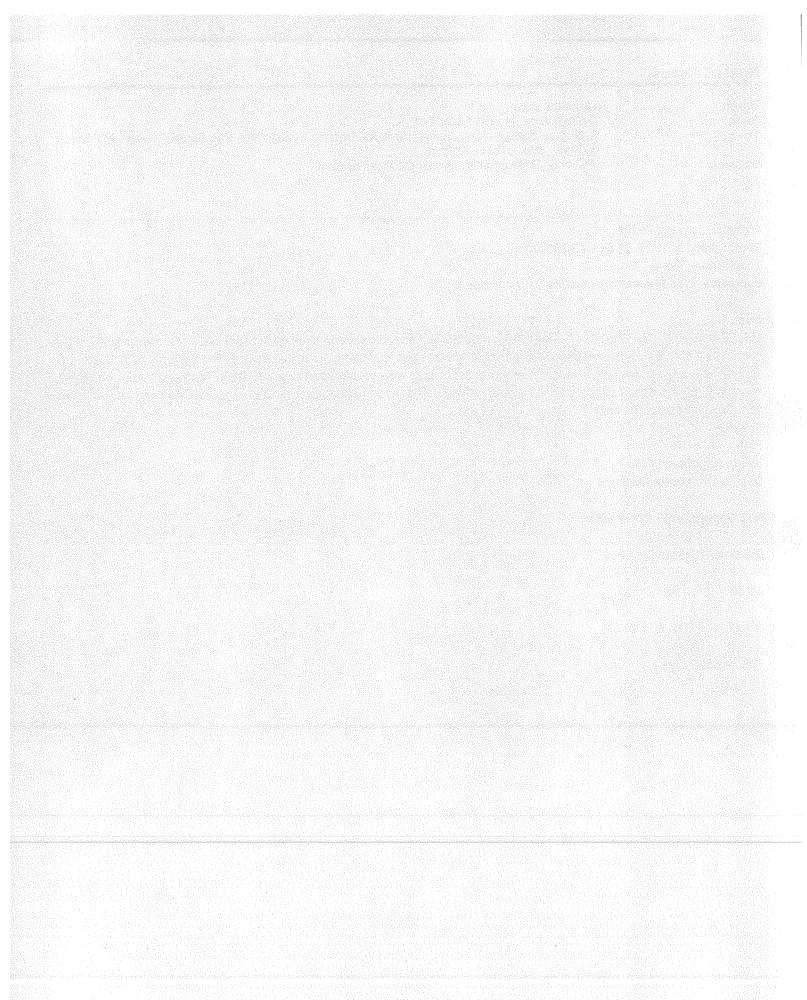
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 4:00 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

Ballast leak onto floor tiles in cafeteria at P.S. 52 in Brooklyn (while a lighting replacement project is in progress).

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:51 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 052 located at 2675 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in the cafeteria earlier today 6/25. The cafe was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school is currently in the process of a building wide lighting replacement.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

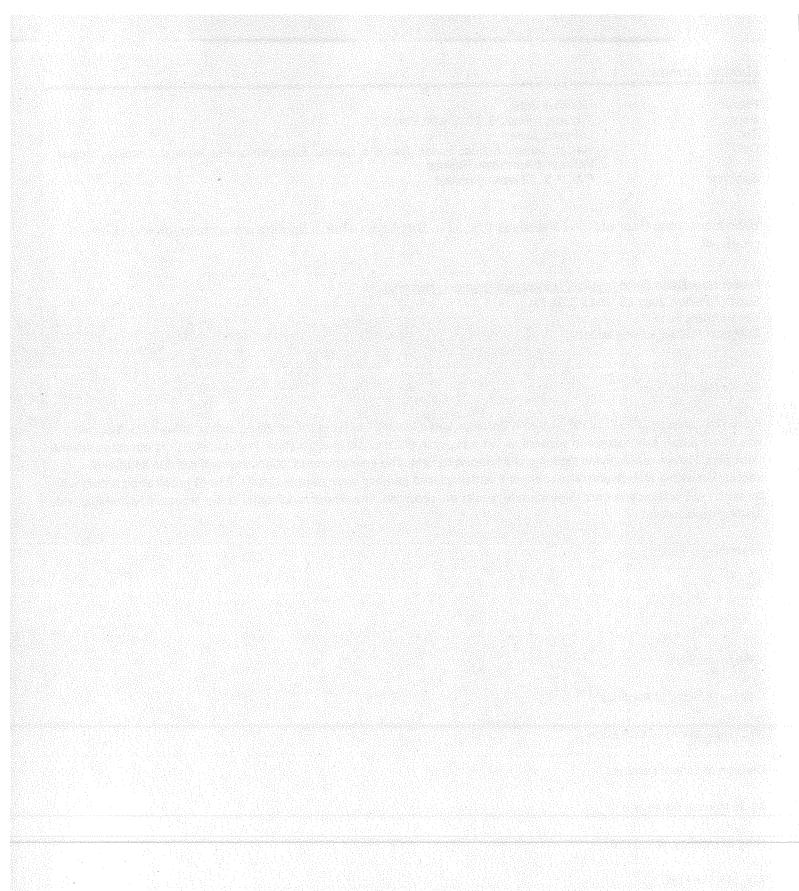
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 4:02 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 49 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.qov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:58 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 49 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 049 located at 383 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room #205 earlier today 6/25. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 4:03 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 50 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 4:01 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 50 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 050 located at 1550 Vsye Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room # 506 earlier today 6/25. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

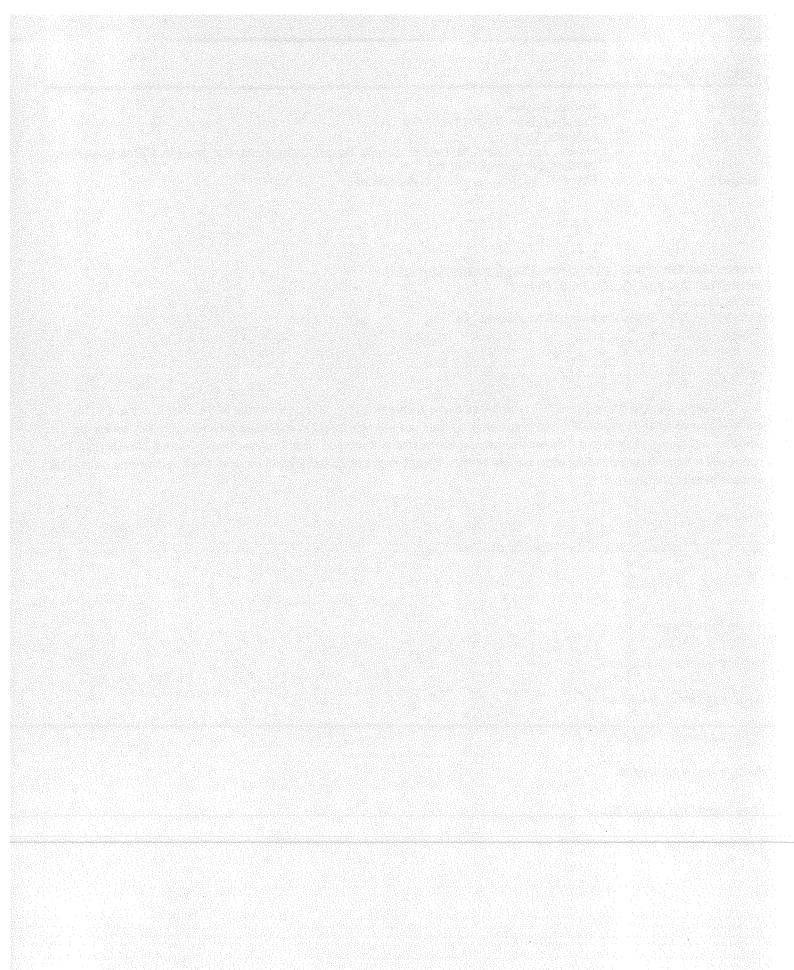
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From:

Subject:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, June 27, 2013 8:08 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald; Schulz, Susan

FW: P.S. 76 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 8:04 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 76 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 row was inspected and removed from room 306A. The row consisted of 2 fixtures and 1 leaking PCB ballast. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room can be re-occupied. Test results will be posted on the school's website and parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 48 hours in the classroom that is 7540 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 7540 cuft = 267 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 1:26 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 76 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 76 located at 220 West 121<sup>st</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in room 306A this morning 6/21. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:08 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Molnar, William;

Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

This is the second reported ballast incident for P.S. 66 in the Bronx.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:05 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 066 located at 1001 Jennings Street in the Bronx had a leaking ballast in classroom 206 earlier today 6/27. The room was unoccupied at the time. Upon discovery the custodial staff immediately secured the room. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. This school is closed for the summer therefore parent notification letters will be sent in September. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:22 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:21 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

No. This school is closed for the summer.

In the event a ballast fails in an occupied school over the summer, we will send notification as per our protocol.

From: Gorman, John [mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:14 PM

To: Napolitano Philip

Subject: RE: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

Are there any groups using the school during the summer that should be notified?



John Gorman, Chief Pesticides & Toxic Substances Branch USEPA Region 2 - Edison Facility Building 10 2890 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08837-3679

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From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:05 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

Good afternoon John,

P.S. 066 located at 1001 Jennings Street in the Bronx had a leaking ballast in classroom 206 earlier today 6/27. The room was unoccupied at the time. Upon discovery the custodial staff immediately secured the room. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. This school is closed for the summer therefore parent notification letters will be sent in September. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:39 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan

Cc:

LaPosta, Dore; Newton, Caroline; Evangelista, Pat; Maddaloni, Mark

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

Now it's bird droppings leaking from fixtures.

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:25:46 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures containing 1 leaking pcb ballast and 1 non pcb ballast with historic staining were removed from room 206. Upon further inspection, the possible PCB fluid which was on the floor tile turned out to be bird droppings. According to the environmental contractor, bird nesting material was discovered on top of the fixture. As per our protocol we took 2 wipe samples from a high and low elevation. As a precaution we took several samples from the "possibly impacted" floor tile, all sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 110 hours in the room that is 9000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 6600 minutes / 9000 cuft = 513 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

Not thermally protected

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 3:05 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 66 Bronx leaking ballast incident

Good afternoon John.

P.S. 066 located at 1001 Jennings Street in the Bronx had a leaking ballast in classroom 206 earlier today 6/27. The room was unoccupied at the time. Upon discovery the custodial staff immediately secured the room. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending

wipe sample results. This school is closed for the summer therefore parent notification letters will be sent in September. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

Philip Napolitano Deputy Director of Facilities

NYC Department of Education

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:40 AM

To: Subject:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Fw: P.S. 49 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:57:07 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 49 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures were inspected and were found to contain 2 intact PCB ballasts with no stains from room 205. Both ballasts were removed. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 120 hours in the classroom that is 3680 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 7200 minutes / 3680 cuft = 1,369 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Jefferson Electric

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:58 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 49 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 049 located at 383 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room #205 earlier today 6/25. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:40 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan Fw. P.S. 50 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:17:38 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 50 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures were removed from room # 502 (room 506 was incorrectly reported). The fixtures consisted of 1 leaking PCB ballast and 1 intact PCB ballast. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 24 hours in the classroom that is 8910 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 8910 cuft =113 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 4:01 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 50 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 050 located at 1550 Vsye Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room # 506 earlier today 6/25. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano Deputy Director of Facilities

NYC Department of Education

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:42 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:21:09 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures containing 2 leaking pcb ballasts were removed from the cafeteria. Approximately 50 SQFT of floor tiles were impacted. Cleaning of the floor was completed by our environmental contractor. We took a total of 12 wipe samples (1 blank) from the impacted floor tiles. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². 4 results were below guidelines but above the detection limit. Since those 4 samples were above the detection limit, we will re- clean the impacted area and re-test. We ventilated with a 2 pedestal fans and 2 blower units. I will update you once the additional sample results are returned.

The blower units (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 19 hours in the cafeteria that is 75,000 cuft. I used 1400 cfm (in case the ducts had a bend).  $1400 \text{ cfm} \times 1140 \text{ minutes} / 75,000 \text{ cuft} = 21 \text{ air changes}$ .

Smoking ballast info:

Illegible due to heavy staining

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:51 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

**Subject:** P.S. 52 leaking ballast

#### Good afternoon John.

P.S. 052 located at 2675 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in the cafeteria earlier today 6/25. The cafe was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school is currently in the process of a building wide lighting replacement.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:42 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline;

Evangelista, Pat; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:42:49 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

#### John,

P.S. 126 located at 424 Leonard Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in the library room # 236 on Sunday 6/30. The room was immediately secured. The school has an ongoing construction project and while working in the room the contractor noticed a smoking/leaking ballast. Possible PCB fluid leaked onto a plastic covering which was protecting furniture and a "quarter sized drop" on the linoleum floor. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipes will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor provided additional ventilation with a blower unit, removed the impacted plastic sheet, and is in the process of cleaning the floor. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school is also in the process of a building wide lighting upgrade.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 17 hours in the library that is 12,400 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1020 minutes / 12,400 cuft = 57 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Illegible due to heavy staining

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

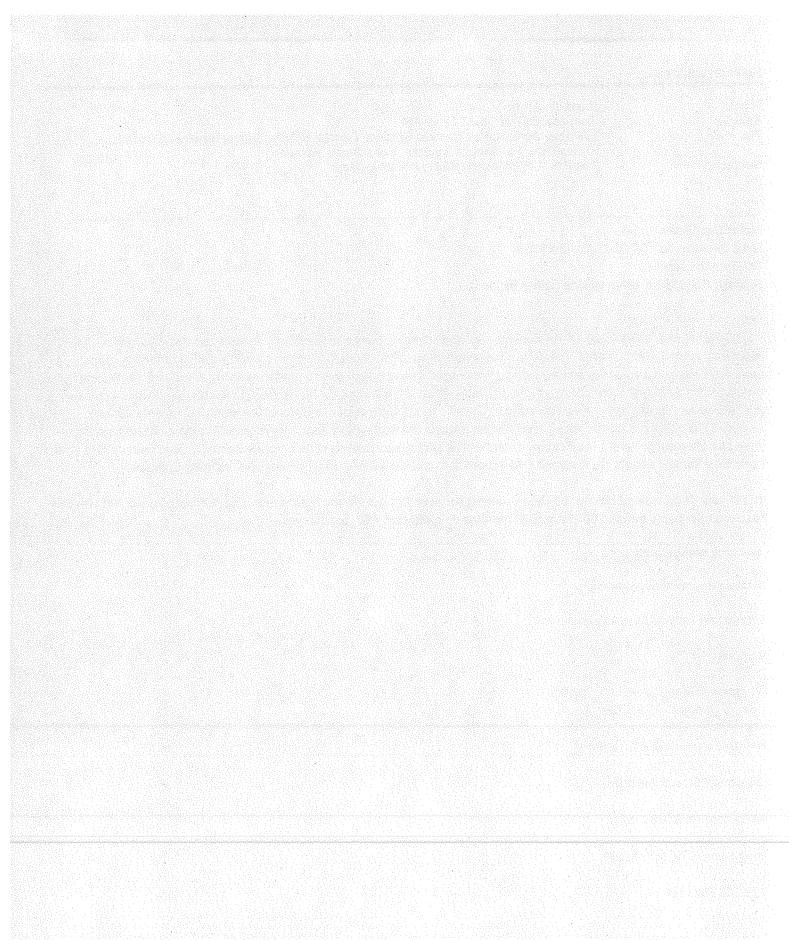
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 08, 2013 2:46 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan FW: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 2:40 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the library. Cleaning of the floor was completed by our environmental contractor. We took a total of 6 wipe samples (1 blank) from the impacted floor. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². Three results were below guidelines but above the detection limit. Since those three samples were above the detection limit, we will re- clean the impacted area and re-test. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit. I will update you once the additional sample results are returned.

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:43 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 126 located at 424 Leonard Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in the library room # 236 on Sunday 6/30. The room was immediately secured. The school has an ongoing construction project and while working in the room the contractor noticed a smoking/leaking ballast. Possible PCB fluid leaked onto a plastic covering which was protecting furniture and a "quarter sized drop" on the linoleum floor. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipes will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor provided additional ventilation with a blower unit, removed the impacted plastic sheet, and is in the process of cleaning the floor. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school is also in the process of a building wide lighting upgrade.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 17 hours in the library that is 12,400 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1020 minutes / 12,400 cuft = 57 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Illegible due to heavy staining

Let me know if you have any questions Regards Phil Philip Napolitano **Deputy Director of Facilities NYC Department of Education Division of School Facilities** 44-36 Vernon Boulevard Long Island City, N.Y. 11101 718 349 5583 tel

From: Gorman, John

Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:38 AM

To: LaPosta, Dore

Cc: Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Haklar, James; Molnar, William;

Wienckoski, Ronald; Schulz, Susan

Subject: Fw: P.S. 84 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Second reported ballast failure for P.S. 84 in Manhattan.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:30:38 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 84 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John.

P.S. 084 located at 32 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the first floor hallway this morning 7/9. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The hallway will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed for the summer. The building wide lighting replacement project will begin on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Parent notification letters will be sent when children return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

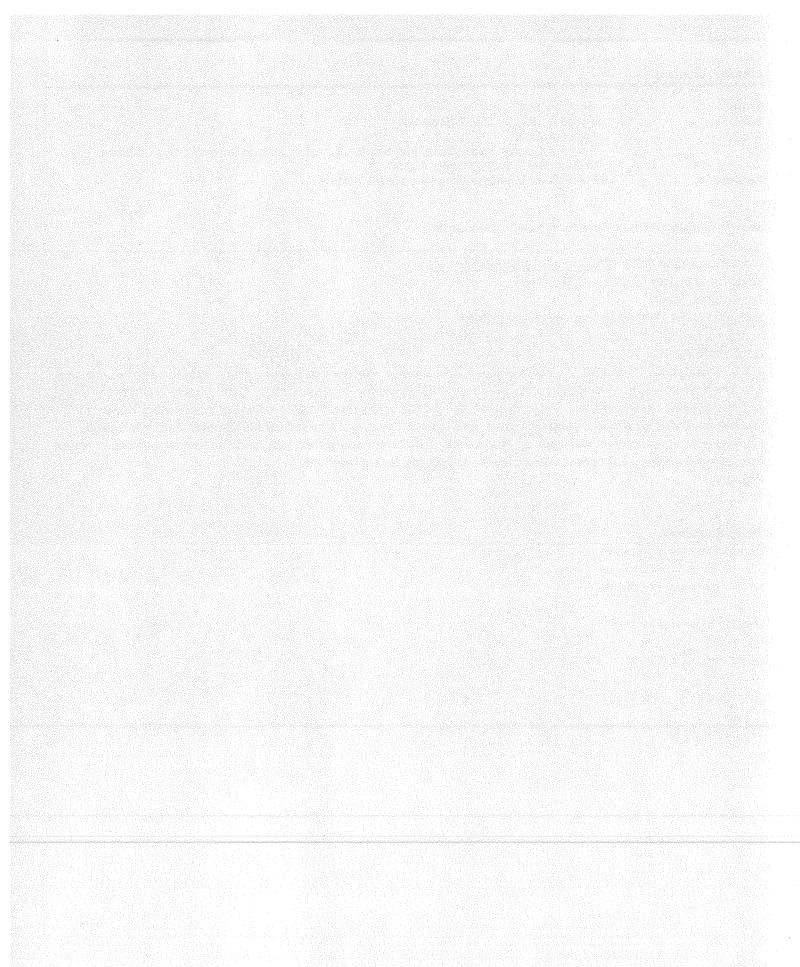
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 9:01 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan FW: P.S. 84 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 8:59 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 84 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good morning John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected in the first floor hallway outside of room 100. The fixture consisted of 1 intact NONPCB ballast. Wipe samples were not taken. The hallway will be re-opened today.

Smoking ballast info:

**NONPCB** 

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 10:31 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 84 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

P.S. 084 located at 32 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the first floor hallway this morning 7/9. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The hallway will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed for the summer. The building wide lighting replacement project will begin on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Parent notification letters will be sent when children return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 12, 2013 9:09 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Haklar, James; Schulz,

Susan; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: Mott Haven Community H.S. Bronx 2 smoking ballast incidents yesterday

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 8:15:53 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: Mott Haven Community H.S. Bronx 2 smoking ballast incidents yesterday

# Good morning John,

P.S. 655 Mott Haven Community High School located at 455 Southern Boulevard in the Bronx had two visibly smoking ballasts, 1 in room 119 and 1 in room 227 yesterday morning 7/11. The rooms were immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 12, 2013 7:33 PM

To:

Haklar, James

Cc:

Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Subject:

Fw: Mott Haven Community H.S. Bronx 2 smoking ballast incidents yesterday

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov >

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 2:43:51 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: Mott Haven Community H.S. Bronx 2 smoking ballast incidents yesterday

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures were inspected and were found contain 2 intact NON PCB ballasts with no stains from rooms 227 and room 119. Both ballasts and fixtures were the newer electronic T12 type. Wipe samples were not taken. The rooms will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal Lighting Basic 12 electronic ballast (no pcb's)

Thermally protected

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 8:16 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: Mott Haven Community H.S. Bronx 2 smoking ballast incidents yesterday

Good morning John,

P.S. 655 Mott Haven Community High School located at 455 Southern Boulevard in the Bronx had two visibly smoking ballasts, 1 in room 119 and 1 in room 227 yesterday morning 7/11. The rooms were immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 12, 2013 7:35 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Haklar, James; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar, William;

Wienckoski, Ronald; Newton, Caroline

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 111 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 2:34:48 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 111 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### John,

P.S. 111 located at 3740 Baychester Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room 227 earlier today 7/12. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

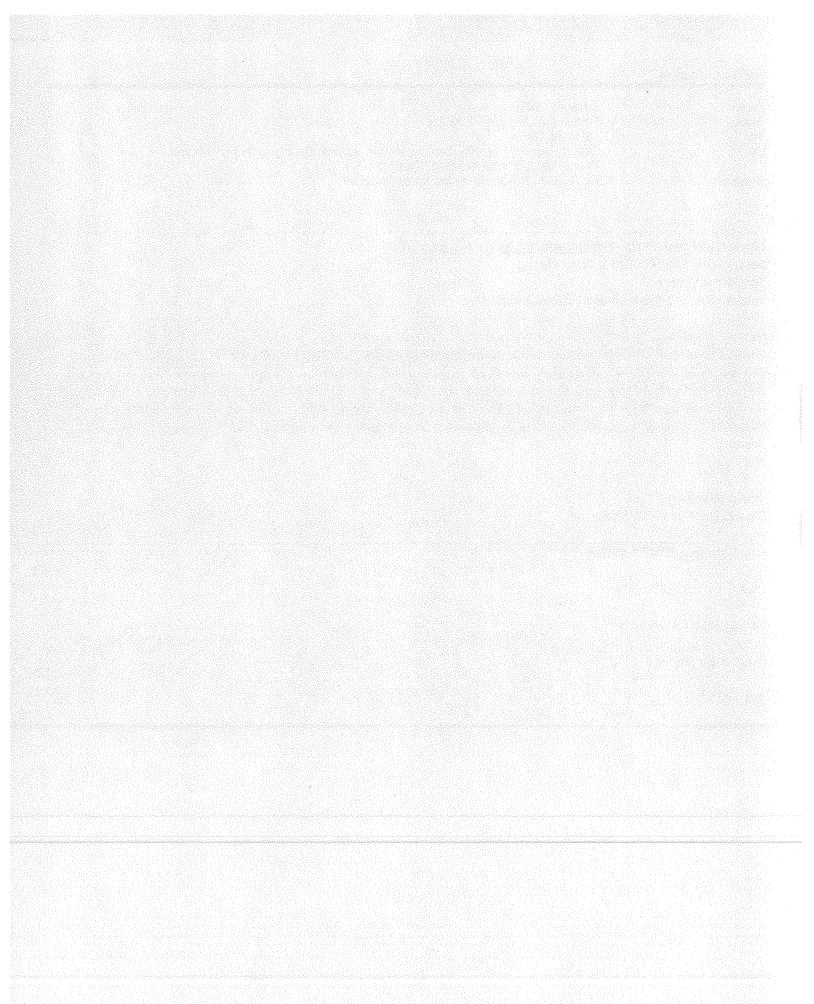
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 8:44 AM

Subject:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan FW: P.S. 111 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 8:43 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 111 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected. It contained 1 intact pcb ballast, which was removed. As per our protocol we took 2 wipe samples. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 91 hours in the room that is 7290 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 5460 minutes / 7290 cuft = 524 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

Not thermally protected

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 2:35 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 111 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 111 located at 3740 Baychester Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room 227 earlier today 7/12. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards	
Phil	
Philip Napolitano	
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 11:45 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Molnar, William;

Wienckoski, Ronald; Evangelista, Pat

Subject:

FW: P.S. 42 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 11:43 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room 107 yesterday 7/16. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

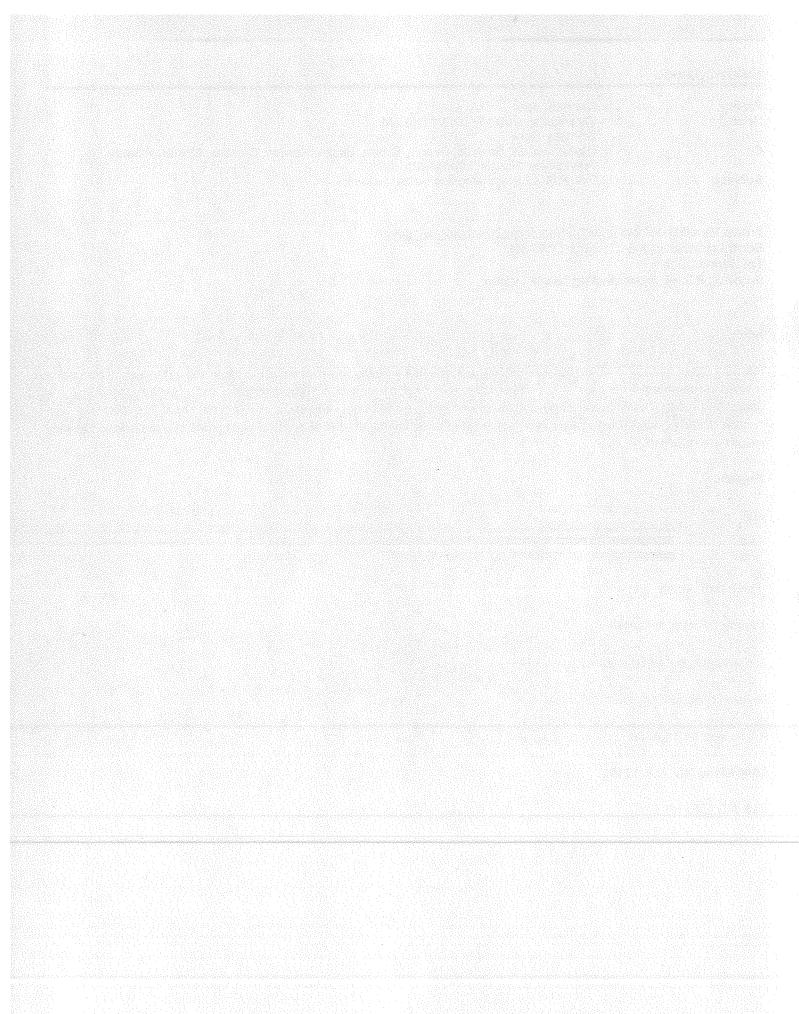
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 3:25 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov >

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 3:18:30 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

John,

I wanted to close the loop on this. Our environmental contractor re-cleaned the impacted tiles in the cafeteria. Our consultant took 12 new wipe samples(1 blank), all sample results have been returned and are below the detection limit. The cafeteria will be re-occupied.

Any questions let me know

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 11:21 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: RE: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures containing 2 leaking pcb ballasts were removed from the cafeteria. Approximately 50 SQFT of floor tiles were impacted. Cleaning of the floor was completed by our environmental contractor. We took a total of 12 wipe samples (1 blank) from the impacted floor tiles. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². 4 results were below guidelines but above the detection limit. Since those 4 samples were above the detection limit, we will re- clean the impacted area and re-test. We ventilated with a 2 pedestal fans and 2 blower units. I will update you once the additional sample results are returned.

The blower units (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 19 hours in the cafeteria that is 75,000 cuft. I used 1400 cfm (in case the ducts had a bend). 1400 cfm x 1140 minutes / 75,000 cuft = 21 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Illegible due to heavy staining

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:51 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 52 leaking ballast

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 052 located at 2675 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in the cafeteria earlier today 6/25. The cafe was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school is currently in the process of a building wide lighting replacement.

Regards Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 4:38 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 167 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

Second reported ballast failure for P.S 167 this summer.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 3:43:57 PM

To: Gorman, John

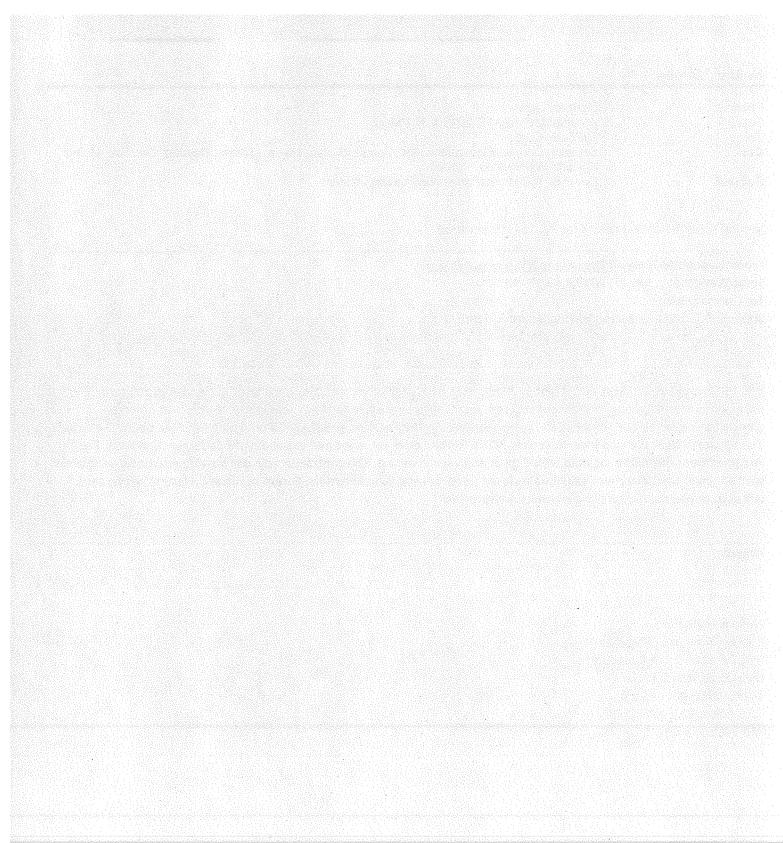
Subject: P.S. 167 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

#### John:

P.S. 167 located at 220 East 76<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a ballast give off a burning odor in classroom 105 on 7/09. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor inspected and removed the fixture yesterday. They noticed possible PCB fluid on a floor tile below the fixture. The impacted floor tile was wipe tested for PCB's. Results were returned and are above the federal action level. The impacted floor tile will be cleaned with Capsur and we will re-test. The contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 19, 2013 7:08 PM

To: Subject: Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James

Fw: P.S. 42 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2013 1:14:12 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 2 fixtures were inspected and were found to contain 2 intact PCB ballasts with no stains from room 107. Both ballasts were removed. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 48 hours in the classroom that is 7500 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 7500 cuft = 268 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not provided

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 11:43 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room 107 yesterday 7/16. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:31 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 75 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Second ballast failure at P.S. 75 in Manhattan since June.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:12 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 75 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

P.S. 75 located at 735 West End Avenue in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the principal's office room 106 this morning 7/23. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

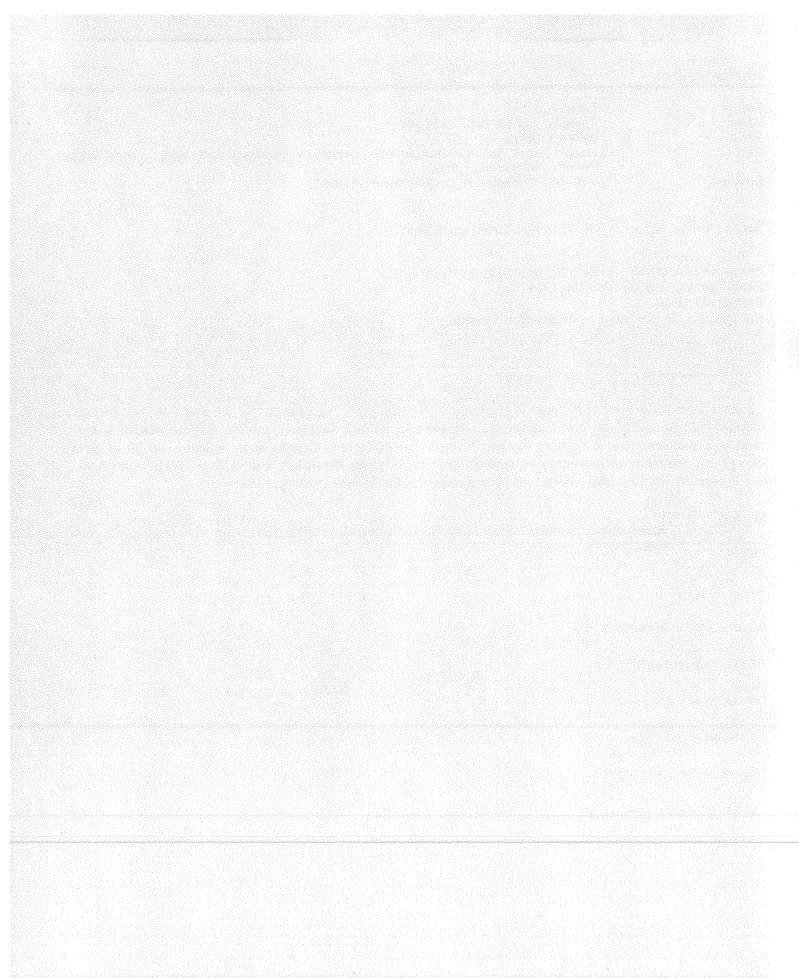
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 1:22 PM

To: Subject:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan FW: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 1:17 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

Good afternoon John.

Our environmental contractor re-cleaned the impacted floor. We took a total of 6 wipe samples (1 blank). All sample results are below the detection limit thus below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. Parental notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess.

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 2:40 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: RE: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the library. Cleaning of the floor was completed by our environmental contractor. We took a total of 6 wipe samples (1 blank) from the impacted floor. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². Three results were below guidelines but above the detection limit. Since those three samples were above the detection limit, we will re- clean the impacted area and re-test. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit. I will update you once the additional sample results are returned.

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:43 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 126 Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 126 located at 424 Leonard Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in the library room # 236 on Sunday 6/30. The room was immediately secured. The school has an ongoing construction project and while working in the room the contractor noticed a smoking/leaking ballast. Possible PCB fluid leaked onto a plastic covering which was protecting furniture and a "quarter sized drop" on the linoleum floor. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipes will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor provided additional ventilation with a blower unit, removed the impacted plastic sheet, and is in the process of cleaning the floor. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned. The school is also in the process of a building wide lighting upgrade.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 17 hours in the library that is 12,400 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1020 minutes / 12,400 cuft = 57 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Illegible due to heavy staining

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 1:30 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 167 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.qov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 1:29 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 167 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures were inspected and were found to contain 3 leaking PCB ballasts from room 105. All 3 fixtures were removed. Our environmental contractor cleaned the impacted floor with Capsur and 6 Wipe samples (1 blank) were taken from the impacted floor. All Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 24 hours in the classroom that is 8736 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 8736 cuft = 115 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not provided.

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 3:44 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 167 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 167 located at 220 East 76<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a ballast give off a burning odor in classroom 105 on 7/09. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor inspected and removed the fixture yesterday. They noticed possible PCB fluid on a floor tile below the fixture. The impacted floor tile was wipe tested for PCB's. Results were returned and are above the federal action level. The impacted floor tile will be cleaned with Capsur and we will re-test. The contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 2:42 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 75 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 2:38 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 75 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the principal's office. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The office will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for 22 hours in the office that is 1400 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1320 minutes / 1400 cuft = 660 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:12 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 75 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

P.S. 75 located at 735 West End Avenue in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the principal's office room 106 this morning 7/23. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2013 10:38 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

This is the 100th reported ballast failure in R2 since September.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:17:22 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

### Good morning John,

P.S. 146 located at 421 East 106th Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the 3rd floor hallway this morning 7/26. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The affected portion of the hallway has been isolated and will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school has a summer program. One room was relocated to the other side of the cross corridor doors. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2013 10:41 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William: Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:30:16 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

#### John,

P.S. 129 located at 425 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a leaking ballast in classroom 229 earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed for the summer. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

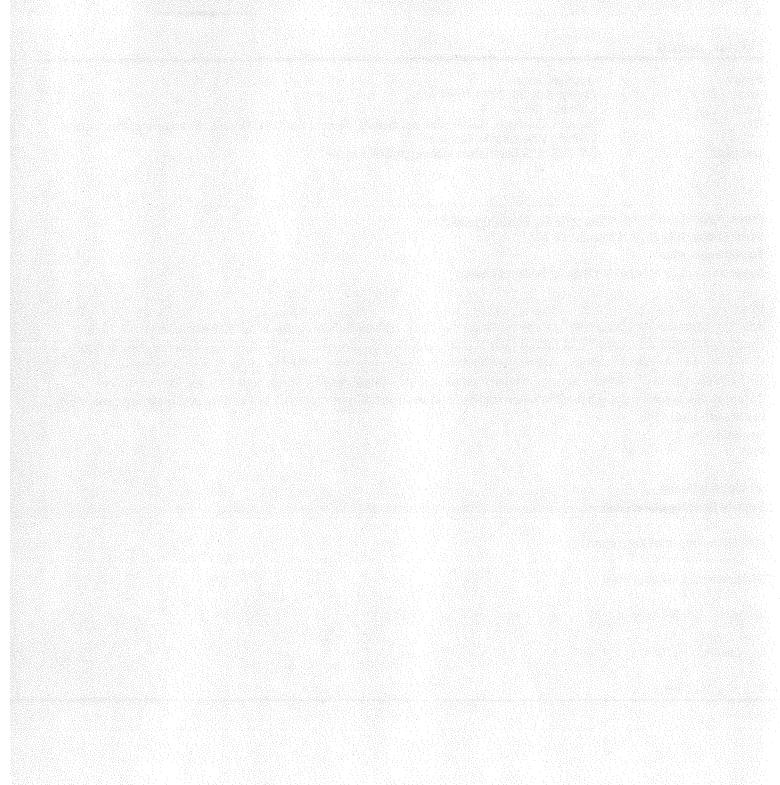
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, July 26, 2013 3:27 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Third ballast incident at P.S. 99 in Manhattan since April.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 2:00:20 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 099 located at 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the library (rm #263) earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight or tomorrow morning. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

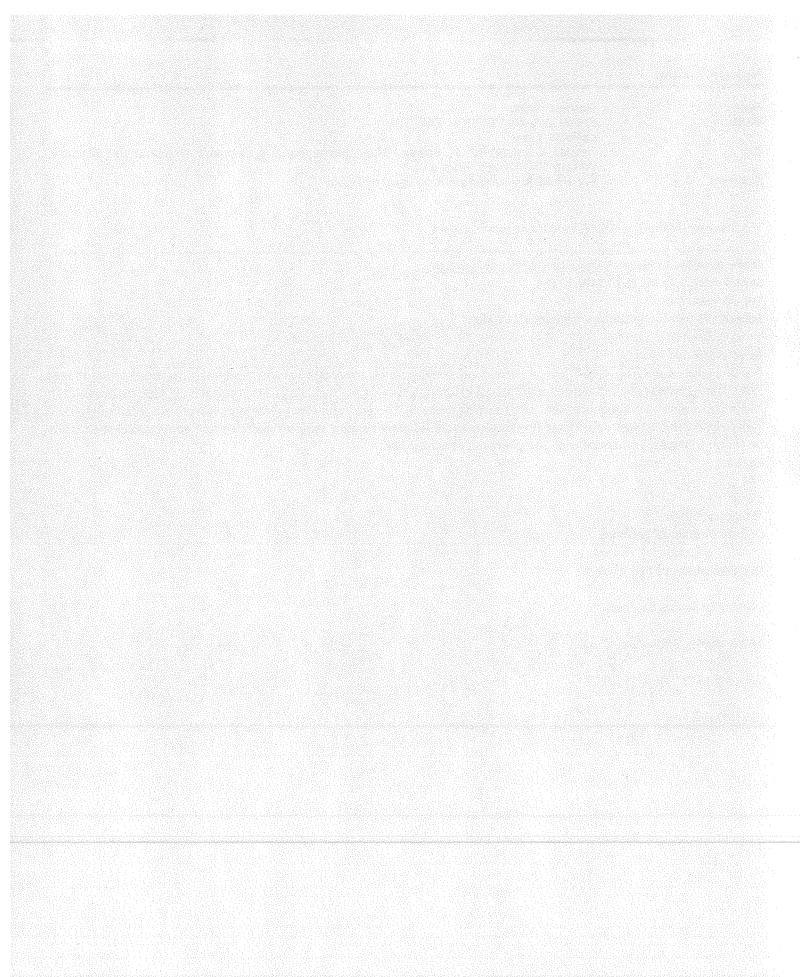
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 29, 2013 1:46 PM

To: Subject:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 1:35 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures containing 3 leaking pcb ballasts was removed from the library rm 263. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The library will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 48 hours in the library that is 14,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend).  $700 \text{ cfm} \times 2880 \text{ minutes} / 14,000 \text{ cuft} = 144 \text{ air changes}.$ 

Most of the smoking ballast info was illegible due to smoke damage

It was thermally protected

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 2:00 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: PS 99 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good afternoon John.

P.S. 099 located at 410 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the library (rm #263) earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tonight or tomorrow morning. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 29, 2013 1:48 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.qov]

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 1:39 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The hallway will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 48 hours in the hallway that is 11,200 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 11,200 cuft = 180 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:17 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 146 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

P.S. 146 located at 421 East 106th Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in the 3rd floor hallway this morning 7/26. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The affected portion of the hallway has been isolated and will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school has a summer program. One room was relocated to the other side of the cross corridor doors. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, July 29, 2013 6:50 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

Four smoking ballasts at P.S. 42 in the Bronx in the past four days.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 3:34:43 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

#### John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had four visibly smoking ballasts recently. One fixture each in room's 106 and 305 on 7/26. One fixture each in room's 102 and 209 today 7/29. The rooms were immediately secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:37 AM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 11:28 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 8 fixtures containing 8 leaking pcb ballasts were removed from classroom 229. Our environmental contractor cleaned the impacted floor tiles using Capsur. A total of six wipe samples (1 blank) were taken and have been returned. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for 26 hours in the classroom that is 10,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1560 minutes / 10,000 cuft = 109 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Westinghouse No thermal protection

No manufacture date

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 10:30 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 129 Manhattan leaking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 129 located at 425 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a leaking ballast in classroom 229 earlier today 7/26. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Possible PCB fluid impacted several floor tiles. Fixture removal and cleaning will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. The school is closed for the summer. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 5:12 PM

To: Subject: Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis Fw: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 3:27:51 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

#### Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures were removed from room 106, they contained 1 intact PCB ballast, 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke) and 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 102, they contained 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke), 2 NONPCB ballasts with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 209, they contained 2 leaking PCB ballasts (smoke), 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 305, they contained 3 leaking PCB ballasts. Wipe samples were taken from the 4 rooms and have been returned. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². One sample from the floor in room 305 was above the detection limit. Our environmental contractor will clean the area where the sample was taken and we will retest. Rooms 106, 102, 209 will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated each room with a pedestal fan and blower unit. I will update you on room 305 when the next set of results are returned.

Blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 24 hours in each of the classrooms 9220 cuft(per room). I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 9220 cuft = 109 air changes.

Smoking ballast info

Room 106: GE, no date, no thermal protection

Room 102: GE, no date, thermally protected

Room 209: GE, no date no thermal protection

Room 305: Ballast info was not legible

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 3:35 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had four visibly smoking ballasts recently. One fixture each in room's 106 and 305 on 7/26. One fixture each in room's 102 and 209 today 7/29. The rooms were immediately secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 9:28 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Evangelista, Pat; Santella, Dennis; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Fourth reported ballast failure at P.S. 150 in the Bronx.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:21 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 305 on Friday 8/2. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 10:09 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman John

Sent

Monday, August 05, 2013 10:10 AM

To:

Napolitano Philip

Subject.

RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

Thanks. Do you have a list of other schools with PCB cabinets and do you plan to investigate them?



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Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

#### John:

I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

2<sup>nd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 239: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date

3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 10:33 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:22 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 825 located at 6581 Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island had a leaking ballast this morning 8/5 in classroom 119. The room was unoccupied at the time it was discovered, it was immediately secured. It appears there is a drop on the floor below the fixture. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. The windows in the room are fixed closed. The room has an exhaust system that vents out through the roof. The fixture will be removed and our environmental contractor will clean any impacted tiles, once it is completed wipe samples will be taken. The environmental contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 11:39 AM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 11:15 AM

To: Gorman, John

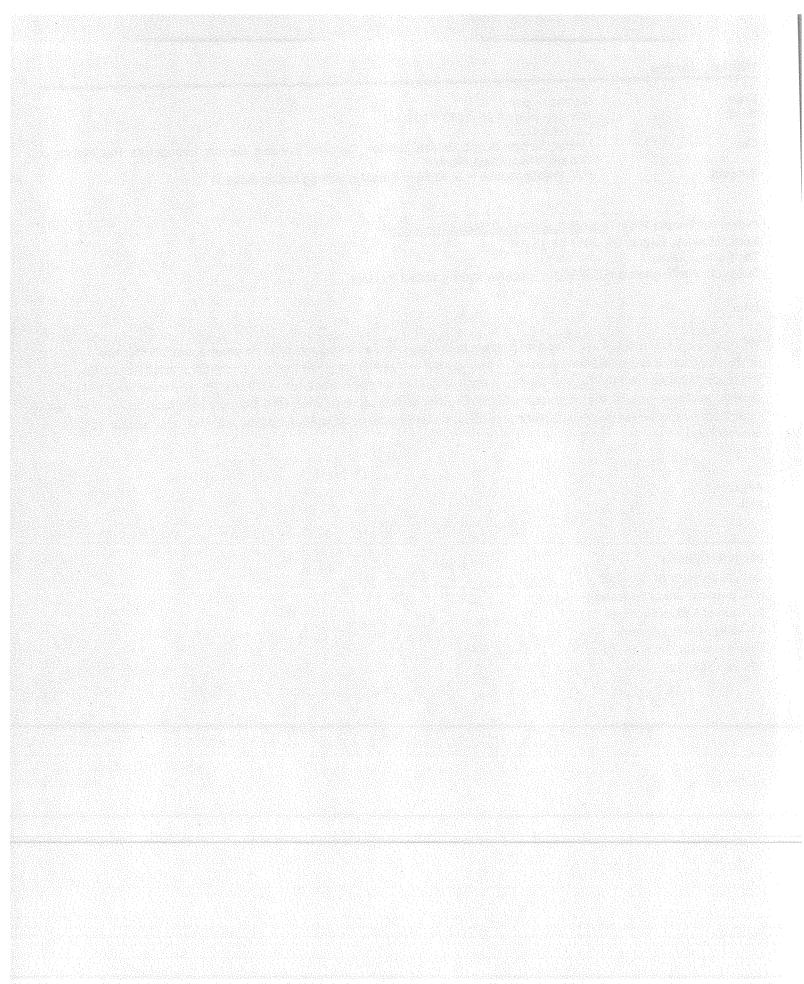
Subject: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

#### John:

Westinghouse H.S. located at 105 Johnson Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in an office room 142 this morning 8/05. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect and remove the fixture. There is a drop of fluid on a floor tile below the fixture. The impacted floor will be cleaned and wipe tested. The contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards, Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 05, 2013 3:08 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 3:06 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

I am working on getting a list together. I will keep you posted.

From: Gorman, John [mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:10 AM

To: Napolitano Philip

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

Thanks. Do you have a list of other schools with PCB cabinets and do you plan to investigate them?



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From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:55 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John:

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 BR. No manufacture date
  2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 BR. No manufacture date
  2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
  1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Tuesday, August 06, 2013 2:48 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 2:42 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

John,

P.S. 119 located at 74-01 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Queens had a visibly smoking ballast in the principal's office room 203 earlier today 8/6. The office was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

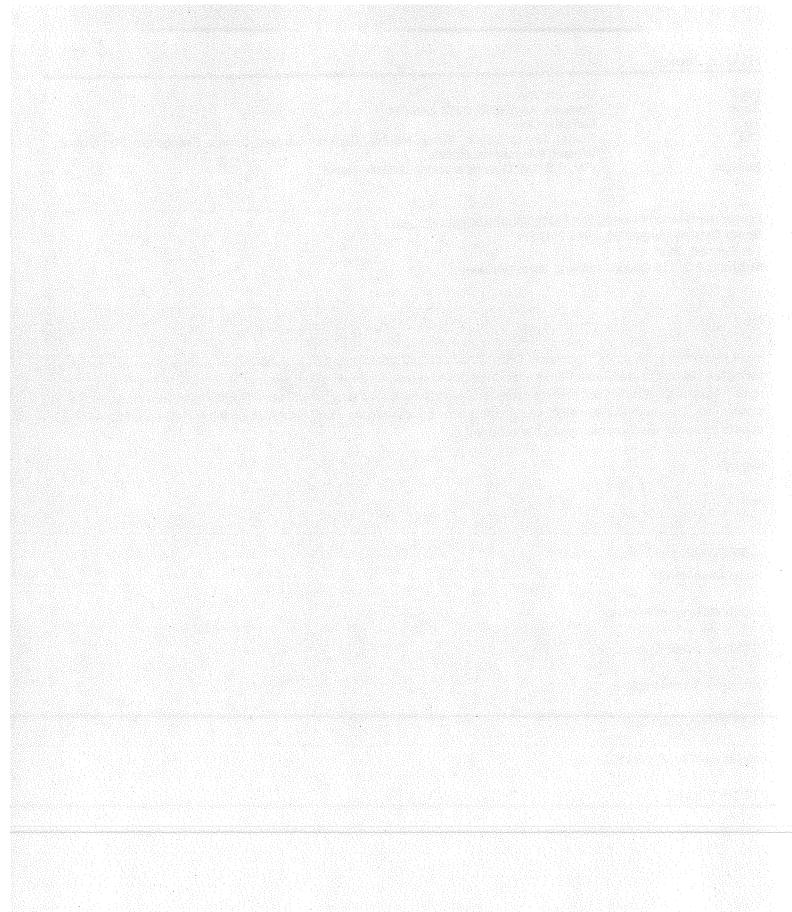
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:21 AM

To:

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Cc:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan; Newton, Caroline; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 11:20 AM

To: Gorman, John

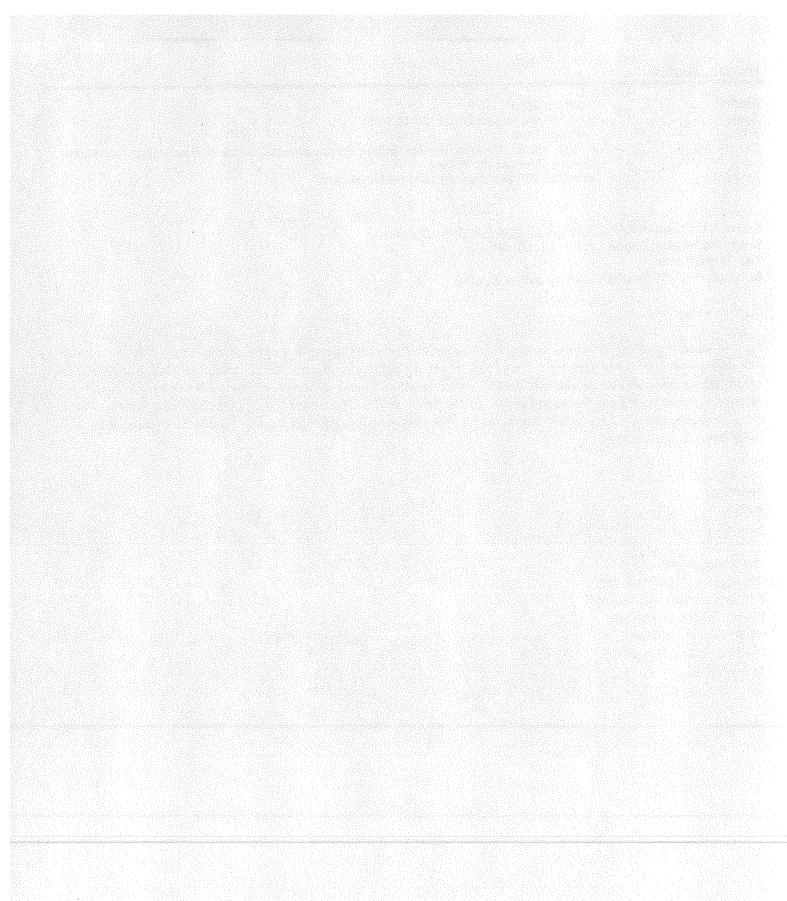
Subject: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John:

P.S. 265 located at 101 Park Avenue in Brooklyn had a visibly smoking ballast in room B3 earlier today 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture today. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when student return from summer recess. The school is currently undergoing a building wide lighting replacement. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:53 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:31 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 119 Queens smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the principal's office. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The office will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 12 hours in the office that is 4704 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 720 minutes / 4704 cuft = 107 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not provided

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

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Sent:

Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:54 PM

To: Subject:

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FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 1:24 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 leaking pcb ballast and 2 intact pcb ballasts were removed from classroom 305. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 48 hours in the classroom that is 6240 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 6240 cuft = 323 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not visible due to smoke damage

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 9:21 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 305 on Friday 8/2. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:49 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:40 PM

To: Gorman, John

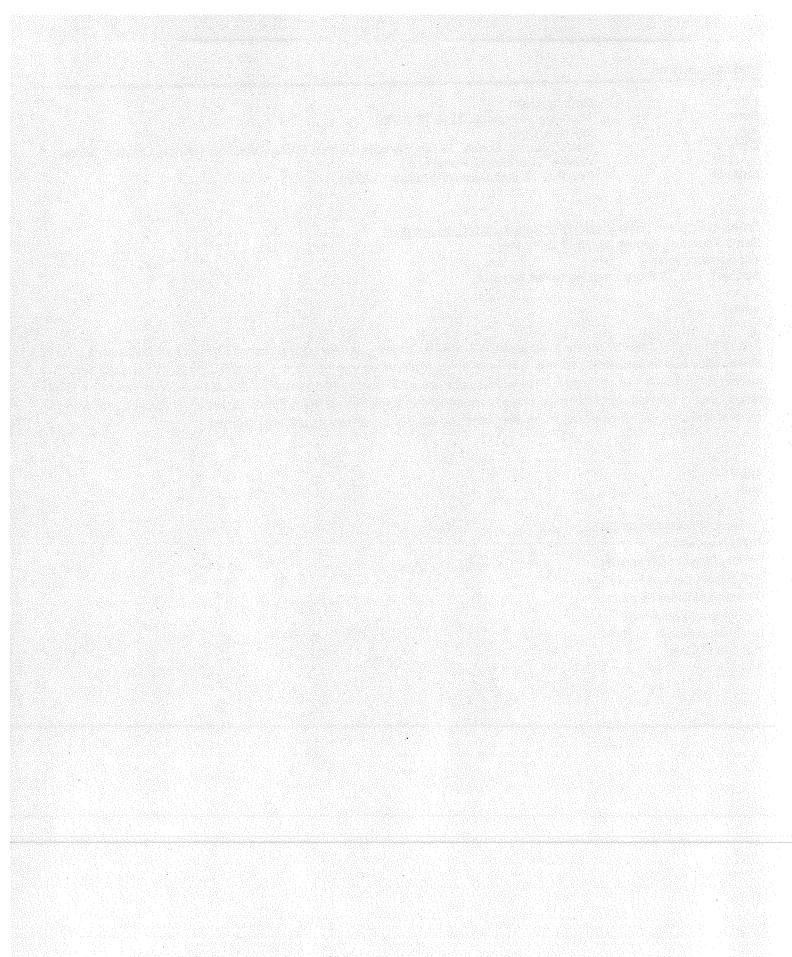
Subject: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 78 located at 1400 Needham Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor hallway today 8/8. The hallway was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The hallway will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:51 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

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William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Fifth reported failure at P.S. 150 in the Bronx.

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:37 PM

To: Gorman, John

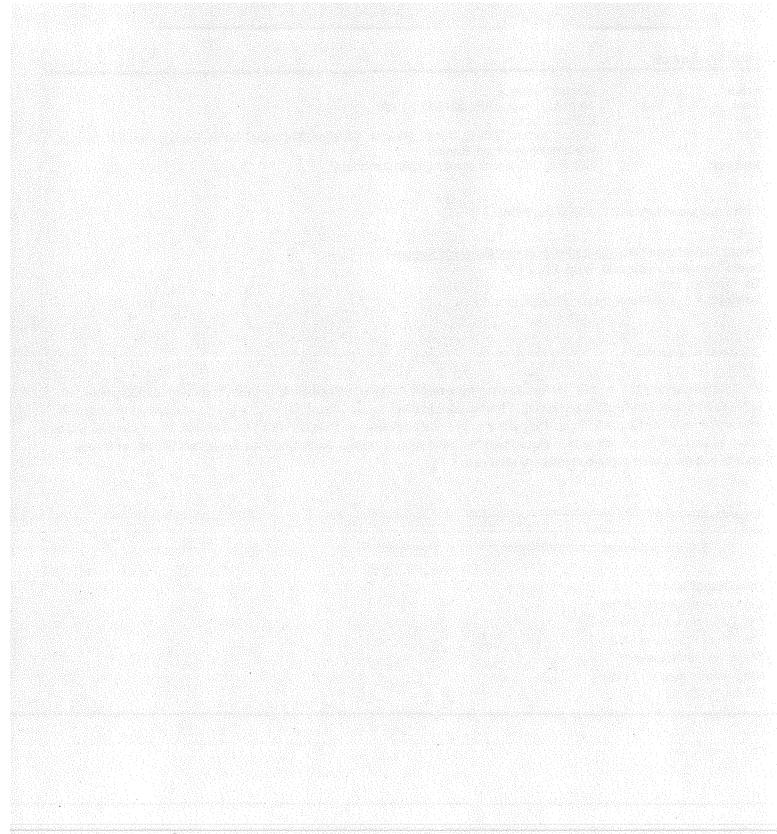
Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the AP office room 326 yesterday 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:38 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc: Subject: Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 7:48 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

Good morning John,

This report was a miscommunication. Our environmental contractor inspected the room and no issues were found.

Regards

Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:37 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

### Good morning John:

P.S. 150 located at 920 East 167<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in the AP office room 326 yesterday 8/7. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect/remove the fixture tonight. They will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. Wipe samples will be taken as well. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:40 AM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 8:07 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

John,

As a follow up to my previous email, the impacted floor was cleaned by our environmental contractor and 5 wipe samples were taken from room 305. All wipe sample results are below the detection limit. Room 305 will be re-occupied.

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 3:28 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: RE: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

### Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 3 fixtures were removed from room 106, they contained 1 intact PCB ballast, 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke) and 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 102, they contained 1 leaking PCB ballast(smoke), 2 NONPCB ballasts with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 209, they contained 2 leaking PCB ballasts (smoke), 1 NONPCB ballast with historical staining. 3 fixtures were removed from room 305, they contained 3 leaking PCB ballasts. Wipe samples were taken from the 4 rooms and have been returned. All sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². One sample from the floor in room 305 was above the detection limit. Our environmental contractor will clean the area where the sample was taken and we will retest. Rooms 106, 102, 209 will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent once students return from summer recess. We ventilated each room with a pedestal fan and blower unit. I will update you on room 305 when the next set of results are returned.

Blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 24 hours in each of the classrooms 9220 cuft(per room). I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 9220 cuft = 109 air changes.

Smoking ballast info

Room 106: GE, no date, no thermal protection

Room 102: GE, no date, thermally protected

Room 209: GE, no date no thermal protection

Room 305: Ballast info was not legible

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 3:35 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 42 Bronx four smoking ballasts incidents

John,

P.S. 42 located at 1537 Washington Avenue in the Bronx had four visibly smoking ballasts recently. One fixture each in room's 106 and 305 on 7/26. One fixture each in room's 102 and 209 today 7/29. The rooms were immediately secured. Fans were put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will be completed today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit in each room. The rooms will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent when students return from summer recess. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:41 AM

To:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis

Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 9:00 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the office rm 142. The stain reported by the school was inspected by our environmental contractor and was determined to be non pcb in nature (possibly food or soda). Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². The office will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) have been running for over 24 hours in the office that is 3000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 3000 cuft = 336 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 11:15 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: Westinghouse H.S. K580 in Brooklyn leaking ballast incident

John:

Westinghouse H.S. located at 105 Johnson Street in Brooklyn had a leaking ballast in an office room 142 this morning 8/05. The room was immediately secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Our environmental contractor will inspect and remove the fixture. There is a drop of fluid on a floor tile below the fixture. The impacted floor will be cleaned and wipe tested. The contractor will also provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

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Sent:

Monday, August 19, 2013 10:42 AM

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Cc:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

FW: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 9:12 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 78 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor hallway. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The hallway will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 48 hours in the hallway that is 20,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 20,000 cuft = 100 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was illegible due to heavy staining.

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

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Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:40 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

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Subject:

FW: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 10:21 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

John,

As a follow up to my previous email, the PCB ballasts were removed from the cabinets. The impacted surface within the cabinets was cleaned by our environmental contractor and wipe samples were taken. The wipe test results are below the detection limit. We ventilated with fans and blower units.

The blowers (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 24 hours in each of the hallways that are 4700 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 4700 cuft = 214 air changes.

P.S. I am still working on a list of the other buildings that contain these types of ballast panels. I will keep you posted.

Regards, Phil

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2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date
2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date
1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To:

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 4:11 PM

Subject:

Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis FW: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 2:02 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 265 Brooklyn smoking ballast incident

John:

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The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 48 hours in the room that is 3960 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2880 minutes / 3960 cuft = 509 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Westinghouse

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

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Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:52:47 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

I will have a list of schools for you by next week. Preliminary numbers look to be around 15 buildings.

From: Gorman, John [mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 8:56 AM

To: Napolitano Philip

Subject: RE: P.S. 32 Staten Island Leaking ballast contained to an electrical panel.

Can you give me an estimate on when the list of buildings with PCB cabinets will be completed? How many schools have been identified so far that have PCB cabinets?



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I wanted to give you a heads up on some findings at P.S. 32 Staten Island located at 32 Elverton Avenue. This is one of a few buildings built in the 1960's that have ballast cabinets in the hallways. These ballasts provide the power to the light fixtures in the classrooms. The custodian inspected the hallway cabinets and found leaking PCB ballasts in cabinets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2nd floors for a total of 3 cabinets. We are currently developing a plan of attack for ballast removal, cleaning, and testing. The school is closed for the summer. The cabinets may require cleaning, so I will keep you posted on any wipe sampling results. Here are some of the details:

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3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 310: 6 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date 3 Intact PCB ballasts, all are Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date

3<sup>rd</sup> floor cabinet outside room 308: 4 leaking PCB ballasts, all are Universal 806 – BR. No manufacture date 2 intact PCB ballasts, Universal 806 - BR. No manufacture date 2 Intact PCB ballasts, Magnetek 806-SLH-TC-P. No manufacture date 1 leaking NON PCB ballast.

Regards, Phil

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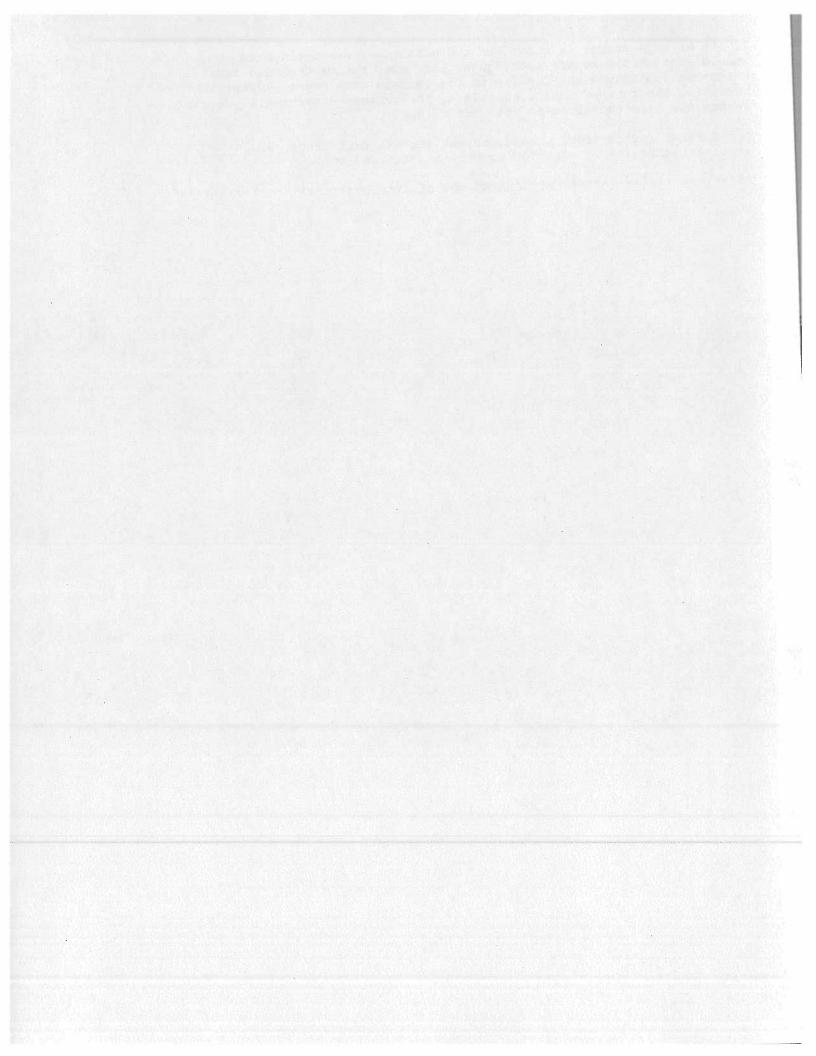
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From: Sent:

Gorman, John

To:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:14 AM

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis Subject: FW: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

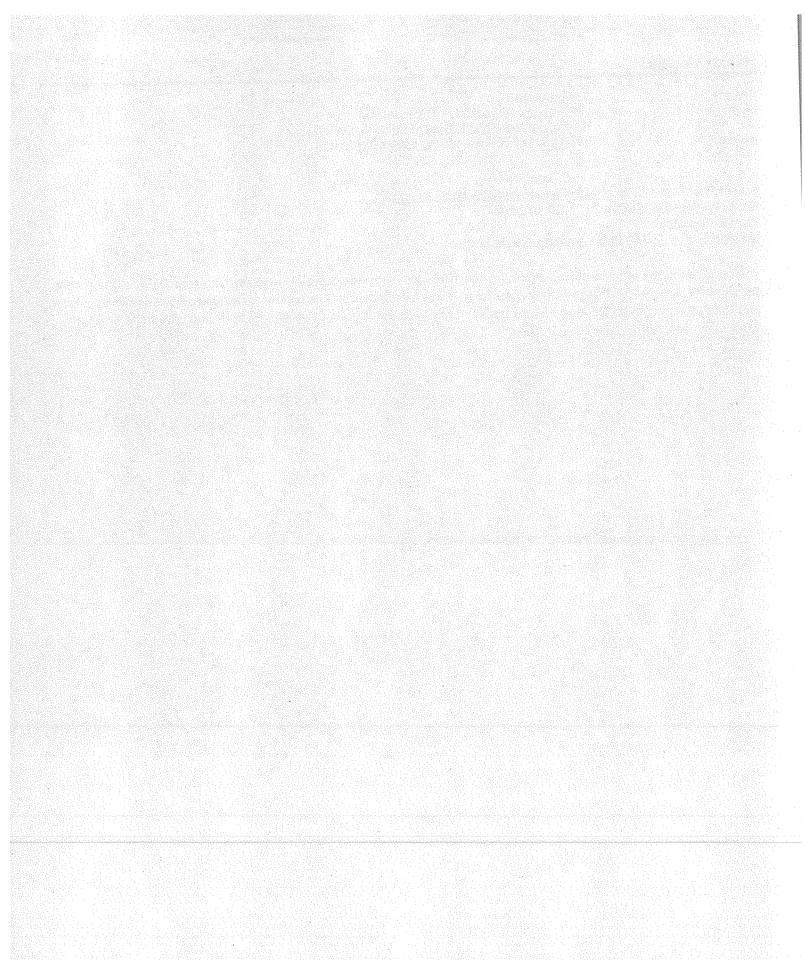
From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 10:32 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 150 Bronx smoking ballast incident

The occupant in the office reported a burning odor(from an unknown source). Due to the hypersensitivity at the school surrounding smoking light fixtures, it was assumed it was from a ballast. The contractor arrived on site a few hours later, and found all lights to be working with no smoke or odor present. Upon questioning, school staff confirmed the light fixtures did not smoke.



From:

Gorman, John

Sent: To:

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:16 AM

Subject:

Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Schulz, Susan FW: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 11:10 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture containing 1 leaking pcb ballast was removed from rm 119. Our environmental contractor cleaned the impacted floor. 5 Wipe samples were taken from the floor and have been returned. All sample results are below the detection limit thus below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm². The classroom will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit through the house exhaust shaft.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) ran for over 24 hours in the classroom that is 8,000 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 1440 minutes / 3000 cuft = 336 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Universal

No manufacture date

No thermal protection

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 10:22 AM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 825 Staten Island leaking ballast incident

John:

P.S. 825 located at 6581 Hylan Boulevard in Staten Island had a leaking ballast this morning 8/5 in classroom 119. The room was unoccupied at the time it was discovered, it was immediately secured. It appears there is a drop on the floor below the fixture. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. The windows in the room are fixed closed. The room has an exhaust system that vents out through the roof. The fixture will be removed and our environmental contractor will clean any impacted tiles, once it is completed wipe samples will be taken. The environmental contractor will also provide

additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards,

Phil

Philip Napolitano
Deputy Director of Facilities
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From: Sent:

Gorman, John

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:20 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

Second reported failure at P.S. 175 in Manhattan since June.

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:16:17 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 175 located at 175 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 321 this afternoon 8/21. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano **Deputy Director of Facilities** 

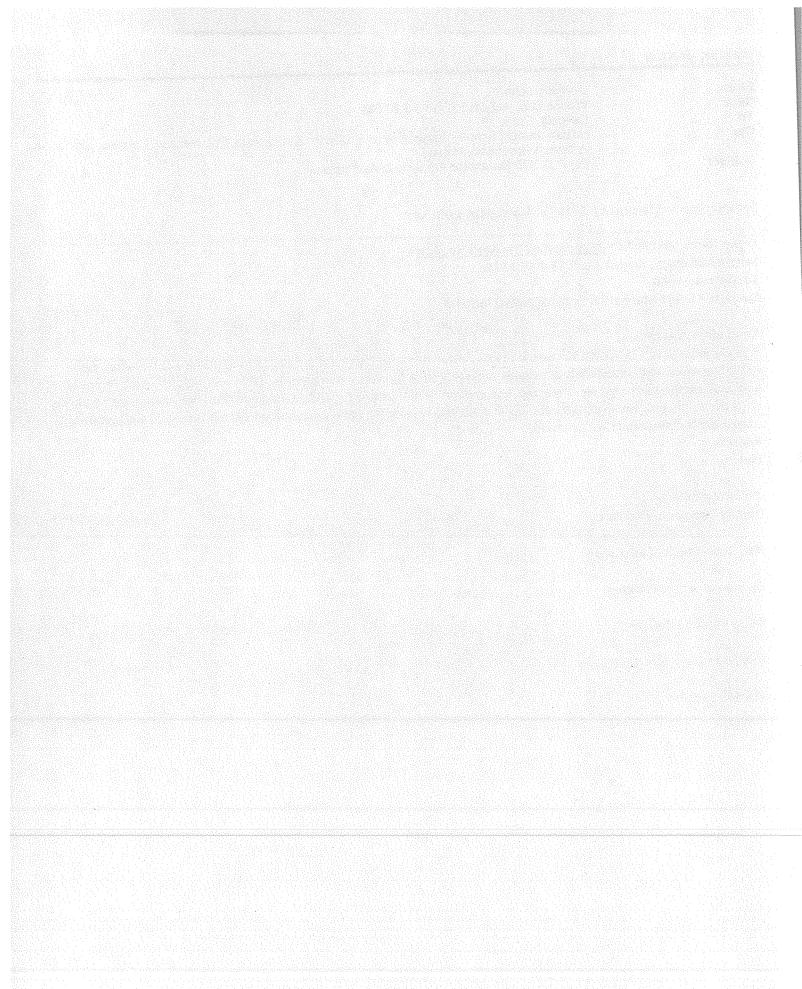
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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2013 1:22 PM

To:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis

Cc: Subject:

Molnar, William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Fw: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano 2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 1:04:36 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected in room 321. The fixture contained 1 intact pcb ballast with historic staining. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for 19 hours in the classroom that is 4500 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm  $\times$  1140 minutes / 4500 cuft = 177 air changes.

Smoking ballast info was not provided

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 4:16 PM To: 'Gorman, John' (Gorman.John@epa.gov)

Subject: P.S. 175 Manhattan smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John.

P.S. 175 located at 175 West 134<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan had a visibly smoking ballast in classroom 321 this afternoon 8/21. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen tomorrow. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

Phil

Philip Napolitano

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From:

Gorman, John

Sent:

Monday, August 26, 2013 3:55 PM

To:

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Newton, Caroline; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject: Attachments:

FW: Remote ballast panel information Remote ballast panels 8-26-13.xlsx

From: Napolitano Philip [mailto:PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 12:10 PM

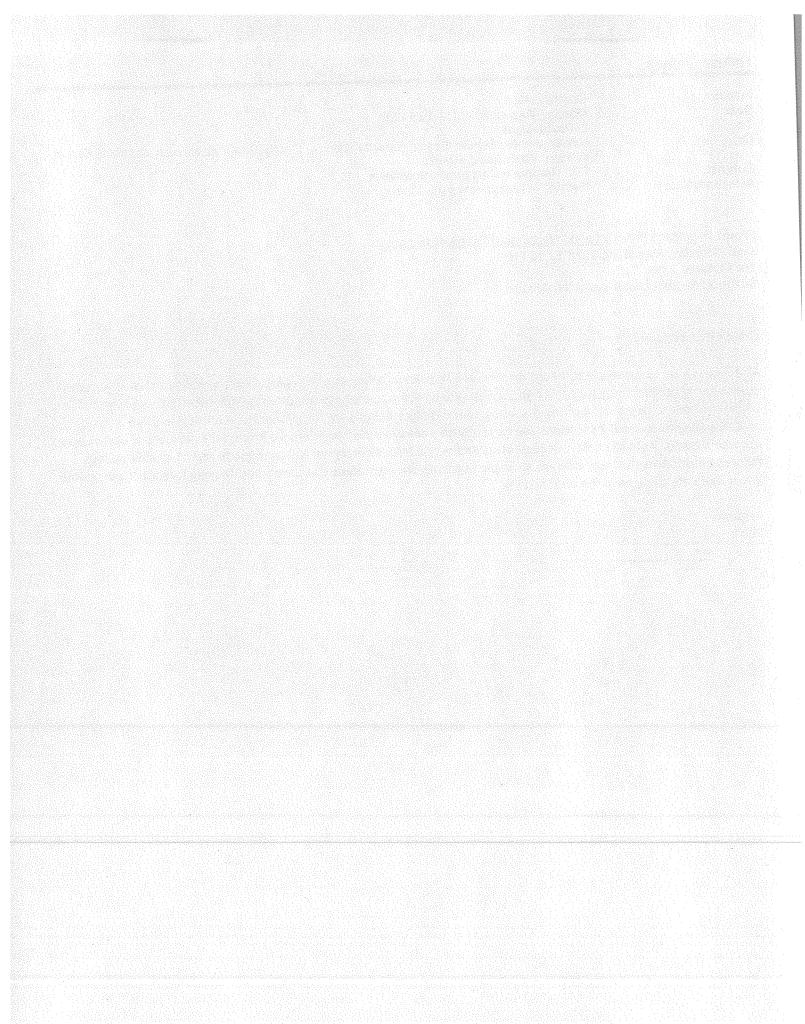
To: Gorman, John

Subject: Remote ballast panel information

### Good afternoon John,

Attached is a list of schools that, based on current information, have remote ballast panels or individual remote ballast boxes. There appears to be two different configurations. Ten schools have remote ballast panels that are in the hallway which control the classroom lighting. Six schools have remote ballasts for the gym or the auditorium. Other than custodian engineer visual inspections, we currently do not have a plan to internally inspect the cabinets or ballast boxes in these schools. As in the past, our custodians and skilled trades personnel will continue to report specific ballast failures or instances that may warrant an inspection from our environmental contractor. Moving forward, I will update you if there are changes to the attached list.

Regards, Phil



Remote Ballast Panels		
Borough	Bldg. ID	Comments
Bk North	16K081	4 Panels; 2 on each floor, 3rd & 4th Fl Hallways. (T12 building upgrade to begin in Fall 2013)
Bk North	19K328	6 Panels (All ballasts were removed by SCA Summer 2013)
Bk South	21K303	1 ballast panel located in room 144. School was converted to T8's in 2011.
Bk South	21K370	1 panel located in 2nd floor hallway for audioturium light fixtures.
Bronx	11X160	Rm. 224 & 330 2 panels.
Bronx	11X455	1 Panel.
Bronx	09X126	4 panels; 2 on each floor. 1st and 2nd floors
Bronx	12X047	2 Panels located in Auditorium
Manhattan	05M030	6 panels; 2 on each floor. 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors
Queens	26Q430	1 panel located in gymnasium
lueens	25Q025	Room B28, 1 Panel
lueens	30Q017	3 Racks located in gymnasium
lueens	28Q174	1 Panel located in gymnasium
taten Island	31R032	4 panels; 2 on each floor. 2nd and 3rd floors
k North	15K834	Remote ballasts located on stage power gymnsaium lights T12 building (SCA upgrade in progress)

		4 panels located in the hallways. T12 ballasts have been removed this
Bk North	23K332	summer by SCA

From: Sent:

Gorman, John

To:

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:16 PM

LaPosta, Dore

Cc:

Newton, Caroline; Schulz, Susan; Haklar, James; Santella, Dennis; Evangelista, Pat; Molnar,

William; Wienckoski, Ronald

Subject:

Fw: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:08:04 PM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 142 located at 3750 Baychester Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room #B21 yesterday 8/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards Phil

Philip Napolitano **Deputy Director of Facilities** 

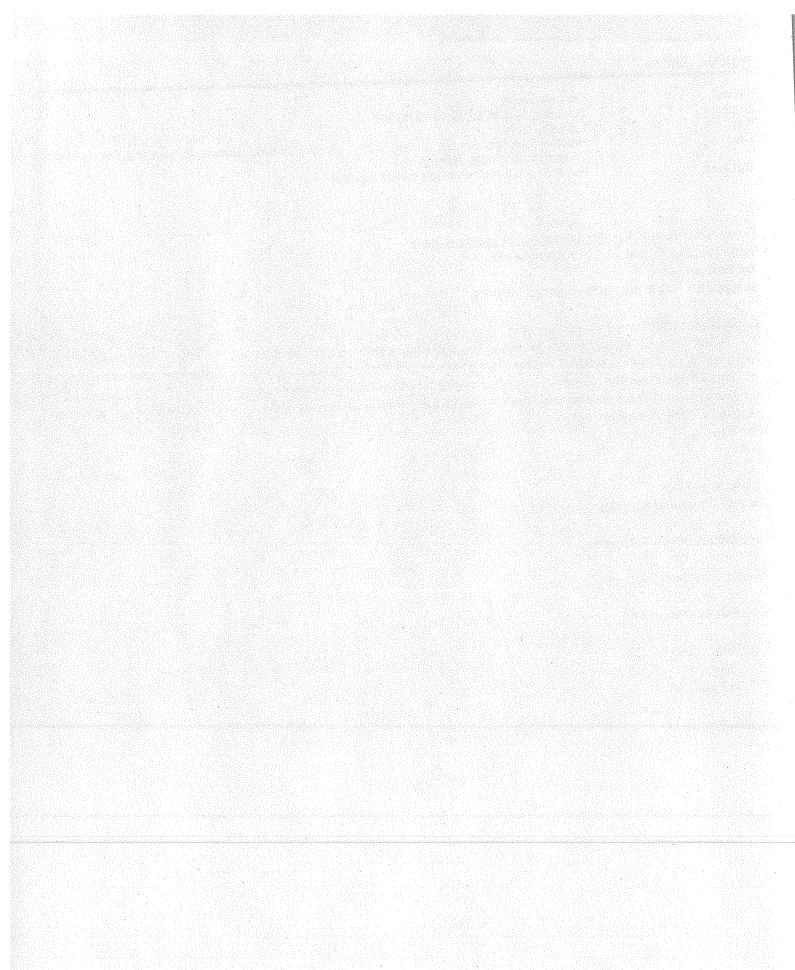
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From: Sent:

Gorman, John

To:

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 11:15 AM

Subject:

Haklar, James; Schulz, Susan; Santella, Dennis Fw: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

From: Napolitano Philip < PNapolitano2@schools.nyc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 10:48:25 AM

To: Gorman, John

Subject: RE: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

John:

As a follow up to my previous email, 1 fixture was inspected and found to contain 1 intact pcb ballast from room B21. The only the ballast was removed. Wipe samples were taken and have been returned. Sample results are below the federal action level of 10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>. The room will be re-occupied. Parent notification letters will be sent. We ventilated with a pedestal fan and blower unit.

The blower (max rating 980 cfm) has been running for over 36 hours in the room that is 11,623 cuft. I used 700 cfm (in case the duct had a bend). 700 cfm x 2160 minutes / 11,623 cuft = 130 air changes.

Smoking ballast info:

Advance

No manufacture date

Thermally protected

Let me know if you have any questions

Regards, Phil

From: Napolitano Philip

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:08 PM

To: 'Gorman, John'

Subject: P.S. 142 Bronx smoking ballast incident

#### Good afternoon John,

P.S. 142 located at 3750 Baychester Avenue in the Bronx had a visibly smoking ballast in room #B21 yesterday 8/26. The room was immediately evacuated and secured. A fan was put in place to aid in ventilation. Fixture removal and wipe samples will happen today. The environmental contractor will provide additional ventilation with a blower unit. The room will remain closed pending wipe sample results. Parent notification letters will be sent. I will update you once wipe sample results are returned.

Regards

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